



Thursday 7 October

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all taking care of yourselves and each other.

Our next round of progress reports is now available on Xuno. I encourage you to access these and have discussions with your child about how they are going in each of their subjects. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's report, please contact the relevant teacher.

Monday 1 November (the day prior to the Melbourne Cup Holiday) is a student free day. School staff will use this day for planning professional development.

As the state moves progressively towards reopening, I have provided again the timeline for students returning to on-site learning at Castlemaine Secondary College.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Friday 8 October	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
Weekend						
Monday 11 October	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
Tuesday 12 October	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Wednesday 13 October	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Thursday 14 October	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Friday 15 October	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Weekend						
Monday 18 October	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
Tuesday 19 October	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Wednesday 20 October	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Thursday 21 October	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Friday 22 October	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Weekend						
Monday 25 October	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
Tuesday 26 October	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

A reminder also that vaccination is not mandatory but is now available for everyone over the age of 12. You may be interested to know there are next day appointments to get the Moderna vaccine at the local chemist in Castlemaine. Click here for booking availability:

[https://www.medadvisor.com.au/Network/E98FX63A?vaccine\\_types=covid19VaccineModerna](https://www.medadvisor.com.au/Network/E98FX63A?vaccine_types=covid19VaccineModerna)

I encourage you to consult with your GP to be provided with the best possible health advice regarding vaccination.

## **Uniform**

As students return to on-site learning, they are expected to wear full school uniform. This includes any students who are attending for the purpose of on-site supervision. All students have had their uniform incidents on Xuno reset to zero to allow for a fresh start this term. This is usually only done at the beginning of each semester.

## **Face masks**

For all school settings, the Victorian Chief Health Officer:

- Directs secondary school students aged 12 or older to always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors at school, unless a lawful exception applies.
- Directs secondary school students aged 12 or older to always wear a face mask when travelling to and from school on public transport, taxis or ride share vehicles.

There are a [number of lawful reasons for not wearing a face mask](#), including for staff and students who are unable to wear a face mask due to the nature of their disability, medical or a mental health condition. The previous list of students who have a mask exemption will be reinstated. If you have a lawful reason why your child cannot wear a face mask and have not previously told the college about this. Please notify the Front Office as soon as possible.

A face mask must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements. Refusal to wear a mask without a lawful exemption is a breach of the Victorian Chief Health Officer Directions.

## **Checking Exposure Sites**

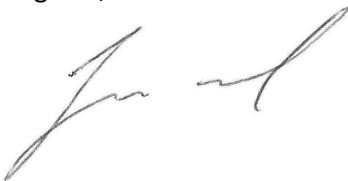
I am sure you are aware there is a growing list of Tier 1 and Tier 2 exposure sites within our area at the moment. Please continue to check the [exposure sites list](#) on the Victorian Government's Coronavirus website and take appropriate action if you believe you have been exposed. We are required to notify the Department of Education and Training if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 among our students or staff population. Please be sure to notify the college if this is the case for you.

I encourage you to contact teachers via email or XUNO messaging. If you can't make contact with a teacher, or if you're not sure who you should speak to regarding an inquiry, then please contact Reception via telephone (5479 1111) or email ([castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au)).

I will continue to provide updates when there is vital information which needs to be shared with you all.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Regards,



Simon Wood  
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